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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

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10 ANSAF ISMAEL, *et al.*,

Case No. 2:24-cv-00414-MJP

11 v.

Plaintiffs,

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
[PROPOSED] ORDER

12 ANTONY J. BLINKEN,

Defendant.

Noted for Consideration:
September 30, 2024

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15 Plaintiffs and Defendant, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule
16 of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to
17 continue to stay these proceedings through November 6, 2024. Plaintiffs brought this litigation
18 pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendant to
19 complete administrative processing and issue a decision for Plaintiff Saleh's immigrant visa
20 application. This case is currently stayed through October 7, 2024. Dkt. No. 10. The parties are
21 currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that
22 the Court hold the case in abeyance until November 6, 2024.

23 Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
24 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to

1 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
2 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
3 P. 1.

4 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
5 intervention. This case is currently undergoing administrative processing which may result in a
6 consular officer readjudicating Plaintiff Saleh’s immigrant visa application. Plaintiff is in the
7 process of responding to a request for information from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.
8 Once Plaintiff submits all requested documents, additional time is necessary for the consular
9 officer to review the documents and for any additional security checks to be conducted.

10 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold
11 the case in abeyance until November 6, 2024.

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1 DATED on this 30th day of September, 2024.

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17 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*

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1 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

2 The case is held in abeyance until November 6, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint
3 status report on or before November 6, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

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5 DATED this 1st day of October, 2024.

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9 MARSHA J. PECHMAN
United States Senior District Judge

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